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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Corean troops are to join the Japanese in the field. —— The port of Wiju has been opened to foreign trade. —— Fire at the Newport News Boatbuilding Company's plant destroyed a frame building; loss $15,000. —— Fire at Decatur, Ala., caused a loss of $70,000. —— The attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur failed, but there was no loss of life. —— Another engagement between warships at Port Arthur is reported, with no damage resulting. —— Fire at Rochester, N. Y., in the retail dry goods district, caused losses estimated at $3,000,000; 2,500 people are thrown out of work. —— August W. Machen and the three other defendants in the post office conspiracy trial were found guilty as indicted; defendants filed motions for a new trial and also for an appeal, and bail was fixed at $50,000 for each. —— Japanese claim that one of the Russian torpedo boats was destroyed in the fight at Port Arthur on the 24th. —— Ratifications of the Panama canal treaty were exchanged yesterday in Washington. —— The House passed the naval appropriation bill. —— Man and his son killed and his wife and another child badly injured by a railroad train at Marietta, Ga. —— One man was killed and another probably fatally injured by the fall of a scaffold in Chicago. —— Man and his wife were burned to death in their home near Suffolk, Va., yesterday. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 2 per cent; cotton quiet at 14 75c; flour firm and very quiet; wheat—spot quiet, No. 2 red $1.09; corn—spot quiet, No. 2 nominal; oats—spot firm, No. 2 55½c; rosin quiet, strained common to good $2.75@2.80; spirits turpentine weak.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 26.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 35 degrees; 8 P. M., 36 degrees; maximum, 52 degrees; minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.99 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 21.2 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—For North Carolina: Rain or snow Saturday, north winds on the coast possibly increasing; Sunday fair.

Port Almanac—February 27.

Sun Rises	6.37 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.51 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 14 M.
High Water at Southport.	4.31 A. M.
High Water Wilmington.	6.51 A. M.

Has anybody heard the whistle of that "early morning train" on the Karolina Sentra?

Our neutrality in the Russo-Jap war is not at all disinterested, and evidently Russia thinks it is of an offensively officious if not belligerent brand.

We are not likely to hear of any other member of Congress Shafrothing himself out of his seat. Lightning is more apt to hit the same target twice.

This from the Chicago *News* is something striking: "When a girl is chummy with her mother she can manage to get along pretty well without a chaperon."

The Dreyfus case reopened in France on Thursday. Paty du Clam, having long since slided into the soup, will not he figure before the foot lights this time.

The census shows that "there are 16,000,000 horses in America, one for every man in the country." If that's so send ours along—a high-stepper with a fine saddle and bridle on it.

Russia must know that our tenderest spot is in the commercial short ribs. She is mad with us about our sympathy with Japan, and the Russian merchants are cancelling their orders for Yankee manufactures. This will certainly jar us.

The difference between Mount Pelee and our spouting politicians is that the volcano is sometimes quiescent, but the eruptions of the spouters is perpetual. We can hardly tell which is the most dangerous.

On the ground that his wife would not let him hoist a Union flag over his former hotel at Ashland, Ky., Myron H. Lowell, a travelling salesman, was granted a divorce by Judge S. W. Smith at Cincinnati, on Monday. Lowell claimed that his wife ruined his hotel business and he had to sell out. Mrs. Lowell was probably one of the unreconstructed.

The North Carolina Supreme Court is getting reversed so often by the United States Supreme Court that the justices constituting the Tar Heel court will begin to think the establishment at Washington does not know much law anyway. However, the justices on our bench who dissent from the decisions of their associates can alway tell the others, "I told you so."

LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooners "Abbie G. Cole" and "Lillian Woodruff" have completed receiving cargo and will clear to-day.

— The New Hanover County Teachers' Association will meet to day week. An entertaining programme is being arranged.

— Pay your poll tax before May 1st or you cannot vote in the State and Presidential elections to be held in November next.

— Arrangements are being made for a carnival at Wilson in April. It will be under the auspices of the Light Infantry, of that city.

— License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. E. B. Snipes, son of Mrs. Emma Snipes, and Miss Kate E Bell, daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Bell Larkins, all of this city.

— The smallpox situation was unchanged yesterday. There were no new cases and all the patients were doing well. Several of the contacts, who have passed the time limit out at the house of detention, will be released in a day or two.

— By deed filed for record yesterday L. D. Kennedy and wife transferred to S. W. Aman and wife for $3,000, property at southwest corner of Seventh and Mulberry streets, 110 feet on Mulberry and 33 feet on Seventh streets.

— New sails for the schooner "John B. Coyle," Turk's Island to Baltimore, which put in here about ten days ago in distress, have arrived and she will probably be ready to proceed to-day. The schooner has a cargo of salt in bulk.

— In the Mayor's Court yesterday Mose Sanders, colored, drunk and disorderly in the vicinity of Fourth and Castle streets, was fined $10 and costs. Mary Rhodes, colored, having defaulted payment of $10 fine imposed the day previous, was sent to the roads yesterday.

"Help Me, Cassius."

A cash drawer at the STAR office was robbed of about six dollars in silver, principally halves and quarters, last evening between 7 and 7:45 o'clock. Knowing that Saturday is our pay day, the thief was considerate enough to leave us one "dollar of our daddies" and divers and sundry metallic substances bearing the legend "One Cent." For this we feel duly thankful, and we tender the practical advocate of free silver assurances of our distinguished consideration. In view of our misfortune, which may properly be classed with the Baltimore fire, our subscribers are urged to pay up immediately if not sooner. In consequence of this great financial disaster no bills will be paid at this office until July 4, 1904. A receiver has been appointed, but his only duties will be to receive moneys and receipt bills.

King's Daughters' Reformatory.

For the reformatory for white children which the King's Daughters propose to establish in North Carolina sites have been offered as follows: Lakeview, Moore county; fifty acres about twenty miles from Wilmington and five miles west of Burgaw is offered by Mr. A. H. McLendon; fifty acres near Roxboro, Person county, offered by T. L. Lowe; a third of fifty acres on the Wilmington and Weldon branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, one and one-half miles from Rocky Point, Pender county, offered by Mrs. Alice Spell.

Notice to Mariners.

The Lighthouse Board at Charleston issues the following "Notice to Mariners:" "Notice is hereby given that Logs and Big Island Channel Upper Buoy, No. 22, a second-class nun, on east side of Logs and Big Island Channel, at the third, or upper, turn in the channel, reported, February 23, sinking and partly visible, will be replaced as soon as practicable."

Terrified Fellow Employes.

Joseph Moore, a negro who had been terrifying his fellow employes at the Angola lumber mill by drawing his pistol and firing about the premises promiscuously, was before Justice Fowler yesterday on two charges of carrying concealed weapons. He pleaded guilty and was sent to jail for the Superior Court in default of bonds aggregating $50.

Suburban Trolley Cars.

Beginning next Monday, on account of repairs to the trestle across Banks' channel, suburban cars will not be run beyond the "Hammocks," except on Sundays. If the weather is favorable to-morrow, cars will be run to the beach every hour from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. The hour schedule will be kept up each Sunday until further notice, if conditions warrant.

Countryhome Destroyed.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville *Observer* notes the destruction by fire of "Ardlussa," the handsome country home of Dr. J. W. McNeill, which with all household effects went up in smoke Thursday afternoon. The loss is estimated at $2 500; insurance $1,000.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Suburban Trolley Cars—Notice.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Neckwear.
Academy of Music—The Knowles.
Platt & Haar—Specials this week.
Moscow Insurance Company of Russia—Statement.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Agents.
Gas Radiator—For $1.00.
Help Wanted—Boys and girls.
For Sale—Partridge Wyandotte eggs

WM. BLANKS DEAD.

Well Known Citizen, Who Quietly Passed Away at the Hospital Yesterday Morning.

BRAVE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

An Expert Accountant for Many Years. Funeral from Residence of Mr. John McLaurin This Morning—Veterans to Attend in a Body.

The death of Mr. William Blanks, a well known and esteemed citizen of Wilmington, at the James Walker Memorial Hospital yesterday morning at three o'clock, was briefly announced in these columns a few hours after his death. Mr. Blanks had been ill with Brights Disease for several months and was taken to the hospital for more systematic treatment Tuesday evening of this week. His condition was not improved, however, and surrounded by all the comforts of a modern and well regulated institution, the end came peacefully at the hour mentioned. Many who had known the kind-hearted, generous man that he was, learned of his death yesterday with the most sincere regret. He was a devoted Confederate veteran, a skilled accountant, a good companion, a true friend and a gentleman urbane and courteous in a marked degree. His presence in the community will be sadly missed by many, who were his warm, personal friends.

"Capt." Blanks, as he was familiarly known to his friends, was a son of William Blanks and Elizabeth Holmes Blanks and was born in Carroll county, Mississippi, Nov. 16th, 1841. He was, therefore, in the 63rd year of his age. The family removed from North Carolina to Mississippi and remained there only a few years. Mr. Blanks was raised from an infant in Wilmington and was known by perhaps as many people in the city as any one now living. He was educated in the private and public schools of Wilmington and when quite a young man entered the office of Murray & Peacock, later Eli Murray & Co., commission merchants, who did a large business here before the war at the stand now occupied by the D. L. Gore Company, on Water street. Mr. Blanks and Capt. T. C Lewis, of Wilmington, went out of the office together as volunteers in the service of the Confederacy and both made soldiers of whom any commonwealth might be proud.

Mr. Blanks entered the service of the Confederate States on April 15th, 1861, as third sergeant in the Wilmington Rifle Guards. Later he became orderly sergeant of Company I, Eighteenth North Carolina Volunteers. Upon the expiration of his term of enlistment he was appointed drill master with rank of lieutenant, to the North Carolina troops. Shortly afterwards, he resigned his position and enlisted in Company G, Sixty-first North Carolina Volunteers, and participated in the battles near Newbern and Kinston in December 1862. In the Fall of 1863 he was detailed by the Secretary of War and ordered to report to Capt. Henry Savage, then Collector of Customs at Wilmington. Upon the evacuation of Wilmington, he left with the Confederate forces and surrendered at Greensboro April 26th, 1865.

After the war Mr. Blanks went to New York and for a while served the firm of J. T. Murray & Co. Later he went into business on his own account and was largely engaged in the exportation of naval stores. He returned to Wilmington in the early eighties and conducted a large brokerage business. Later he accepted a position with Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son and had served them faithfully for the past 14 years.

Mr. Blanks was the first Adjutant of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, and served the camp for five years. He was devotedly attached to his church and was for many years a member of St. Andrew's. The veterans will assemble at the W. L Armory this morning and attend the obsequies in a body. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. Blanks' brother-in-law, Mr. John McLaurin, No. 619 Orange street, at 11 o'clock, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Out of respect to his memory, the offices of Messrs. Sprunt & Son will be closed from 10:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M. to day.

Dr. Hume to Speak Here.

The Rev. Thomas Hume, D. D., LL. D., of the chair of English in the State University, will preach at the First Baptist church to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. "Help for Infirmity" will be the subject of his discourse. Dr. Hume will doubtless have large congregations to hear him. He will be the guest of Mr. J. C. Stevenson, 419 South Third street, while in the city.

Diphtheria Quarantines.

Two cases of diphtheria were quarantined Wednesday at 216 North Ninth street and 202 Castle street, respectively. The patient in the first instance is Lelia Ellis, 10 years old, daughter of Mr. James Ellis, and the patient on Castle street is Harry Greelish, the 13-year-old son of Mr. Steve A. Greelish.

Northern Guests Returned.

Attached to the northbound A. C. L train yesterday were a private and an apartment car in which a number of guests of Mr. Pembroke Jones were returning North after a sojourn of a few days at "Airlie." Mr. Jones accompanied the guests as far as Rocky Mount.

BIG RAILROAD SCRAMBLE.

Receivership of A. & N. C. Being Strenuously Resisted by State and Many Private Stockholders.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—Attorney General Gilmer, President J. A. Bryan, of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, A. D. Ward, of Newbern, and W. C. Monroe, of Goldsboro, as counsel, left to-night for Charleston, S. C., where they intend to-morrow making a motion before Judge Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court, that the order of Judge Purnell appointing Capt. V. E. McBee receiver for the A. & N. C. railroad be vacated. They carried among other documents an affidavit by Governor Aycock purporting to show his course in holding off and not leasing the road has resulted in an increase of bids for the lease from one and a half to seven and seven-tenths per cent.

Judge Purnell to-night accepted $50,000 bond of Capt. McBee as receiver of the railroad and issued an order for the delivery of the property to him. President Bryan left town for Charleston before the order could be served on him, and Capt. McBee will go with the United States Marshal to Newbern to-day to serve it on the officers of the road there and take charge of the property.

The State owns 12,666 shares of stock in the A. & N. C. and private stockholders 5,354.

BASKET BALL LAST NIGHT.

Association Team Won in Second of the League Series.

A good crowd assembled in the City Hall last night to witness what proved to be one of the best games of basket ball that has been played in the city this Winter.

The opposing teams were the Boys' Brigade and the Association. The game started off fast and clean. At the end of the first half the score stood 4 and 4. At the beginning of the second half J. J. Loughlin entered the game to play centre and it was a doubtful question for some time as to who would win. The Brigade scored two points, which was soon followed by the Association team. The Brigade then secured another on a foul. This was also followed about a minute after by the Association team. Excitement ran very high from this time. The game became a beautiful exhibition of swift passing on both sides. This was continued until the Brigade team scored another point from the foul line, making their score stand eight to seven. From this point the score changed and the Association team scored frequently, the final score being eighteen to eight.

The junior game was won by Louis Orrell's team. The score was 8 to 6. The next league game will be played next Friday night, when the Boys' Brigade and the A. C. L. teams will try conclusions.

THE POSTOFFICE CONTEST.

Wallace's Opponents in Washington Receive Little Encouragement.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte *Observer* deals facetiously with the Wilmington postoffice situation at the national capital as follows:

J. M. Forshee, one of the half dozen aspirants for the Wilmington postoffice, left the city to day. Before leaving he said there were no developments in the case; that he had been unexpectedly called out of the city, and that he did not think final disposition of the office would be made pending his absence. When asked how, in his opinion, the contest would terminate, Forshee explained, in diplomatic and guarded terms, that on this delicate point the writer would have to excuse him from making a direct reply. Mr. Forshee does not think that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has withdrawn its objections to the proposed appointment of Mr. Wallace, as some have inferred. Mr. Wallace, under the classification referred to, now takes his place with the Morally Spotted. In point of fact, the developments of the day were rather interesting. Mr. Forshee called at the Postoffice Department, among other places, and was told by General Payne that the endorsements of Mr. Wallace were unusual as to number and character. Other things said to Mr. Forshee were equally discouraging. John H. Gore, Jr., arrived during the day with a view to furthering his candidacy. Mr. Gore also started out to seek an audience with General Payne, but, noting the air of gloom which had settled about Forshee headquarters, he moved on to Baltimore."

The Knowles, Hypnotists.

The Knowles, hypnotists, will conclude a very successful week's engagement at The Academy with two performances to-day—matinee and night. The matinee will be of special interest to ladies and children and 25c. will admit to all parts of the house. The night performance will include several of the most popular features of the week with a number of new and interesting ones.

State Bar Association.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Bar Association, composed of John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh, chairman; Zeb V. Walser, of Lexington, secretary; J. D. Murphy, of Asheville; F. A. Woodard, of Wilson; Ed. Chambers Smith, of Raleigh, and C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte, will meet in Raleigh Monday, February 29th, 1904, for the purpose of deciding on the time and place of meeting of the association for 1904.

— Mr. A. T. Harper, of Goldsboro, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

COAST LINE STRIKERS

Plain Statement by Railway Officials to Maintenance of Way Employes.

EXTENT OF THE TROUBLE.

Additional Reward for Arrest and Conviction of Assassins of Section Foreman Murray—Grand Jury at Savannah After Rioters.

Within the past few days there have been no developments in the strike of Atlantic Coast Line roadway employes and everything seems to bear out the statement in these columns earlier this week that the trouble is practically over. Under date of Thursday the following circular was issued by Coast Line officials and yesterday it was being promulgated throughout the territory involved, viz:

"*To Maintenance of Way Employes:*

"We think it is proper to state to you, plainly, the situation of affairs with reference to the strike of maintenance of way employes.

"On this date there are only sixteen vacancies among the foremen of this department on the first division. That is to say, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company north of Savannah, and including the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, has only sixteen vacancies among its foremen in the maintenance of way department.

"In Georgia and Alabama there are only seven vacancies among the foremen in the maintenance of way department.

"The above applies to foremen of every sort in the maintenance of way department.

"These statements may be absolutely relied on in every particular.

"R. G. ERWIN, President
"J. R. KENLY,
"Fourth Vice President and General Manager."

MURDER OF SECTION FOREMAN.

Yesterday's Savannah *News* says: "The reward of $1,000, which was offered by the Coast Line Wednesday, for the arrest and conviction of the assassin of Section Foreman Murray, was supplemented yesterday by an offer of $250 by the State authorities. Every effort is being made to apprehend the guilty party, but nothing has so far been accomplished. The railroad has a number of special officers on the case. To-day or to-morrow several Savannah officers will probably leave for Walthourville to make some investigations in the matter.

GEORGIA GRAND JURY ACTS.

Savannah *News*: "The last indictment returned by the grand jury before it adjourned yesterday, was against three negroes charged with assault with intent to murder a negro track walker near Burroughs several days ago.

"The negro was so badly beaten that he was unable to resume his duties on the road, and the railway officials at once took steps to have his assailants brought to justice, with the result that the assailants were indicted yesterday.

"The track walker was employed after the strike, and his assailants were strikers, who came upon him unawares, and with instruments liable to produce death, set upon him and left him for dead. The negroes have not been arrested as yet, and their names are withheld until they can be made prisoners."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Capt. E. M. Pace, of Wilson, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. H. Williams, of Timmonsville, S. C., arrived last night from the South.

— Friends will regret to learn that Mr. E. Peschau is very ill at his home, 501 Grace street. He was, however, a shade better yesterday.

— Solicitor Rodolph Duffy and wife are in the city. Solicitor Duffy goes to Burgaw Monday to prosecute cases in Pender Superior Court.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: "Mrs. W. E. Storm, of Wilmington, is in the city on a visit for a few days to the Misses Hart, on Cold Spring street."

— Mr. H. M. McAllister, the popular young business manager of the *Presbyterian Standard*, of Charlotte, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, 26th: "Mr. W. F. Keels, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. J. C. Higgins, of Wilmington, prominent officials of the A. C. L., are in the city."

— Capt. H. O. McArthur and family will leave Monday for their new home in Jacksonville, Fla. Capt. McArthur's successor as station master of the Coast Line here has not yet been announced.

Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor. Divine services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching at both services by the pastor. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8:00 P. M. The public cordially invited to all these services.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, corner Front and Queen streets, Rev. C. W. Trawick pastor, services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Men's prayer meeting at 10:30 A. M. sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 00 P. M. The public cordially invited to these services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Preaching every Sunday by Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor, at 11 a. m. at 7.30 p.m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. Epworth League 8 P. M. Friday. Pews free. All welcome.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. Morning prayer and address, 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:45 P. M. Sunday School, 3.30 P. M.

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Young Men's meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Bladen streets. Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor. Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, J. B. Taylor, superintendent, 3:30 P. M; Mid-week praise service Wednesday 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick Sts. Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Threatened Lynching at Kingstree.

Passengers who arrived last night from the South told of an attempted lynching night before last at Kingstree, S. C. A negro named Cato Williams shot and killed a young liveryman, S. B. McGhee, in a dispute over a horse trade Wednesday. The negro was captured Thursday afternoon and that night an effort was made to take him from the jail. Sheriff Geo. J. Graham wired the Governor for instructions and last night the prisoner was taken to Columbia for safe-keeping.

— Mr. J. H. Land, of Chadbourn, arrived last night on the Charleston train.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Just Arrived.

British Schooner "City of Nassau" with 75,000 Oranges from Nassau. The finest yet coming from the Indies, now on sale. Call early before all are gone. Schooner at Custom House wharf.
A. S. WINSTEAD.
feb 26 3t 213 Market street.

A Delightful Pleasure.

Nothing pleases a man more than a good, clean shave. We give the cleanest shave obtainable, not only in point of keen razors, but as to real cleanliness. We use a clean towel for each man and everything else is thoroughly antiseptic.
GUION & DAVIS,
Climax Barber Shop,
feb 25 1f 7 South Front street.

NOTICE.

Beginning Monday, February 29 h, 1904, Suburban Trolley Cars will not run beyond the Hammocks except on Sundays. This is necessary on account of repairing trestle.
CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,
LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.
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ACADEMY OF MUSIC

TO-NIGHT.

THE KNOWLES

World Famed Hypnotists.

Matinee this Afternoon.

Matinee Price—25 cents.

Night Prices—15, 25, 35 and 50c.
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JAMES M. HALL,
PHARMACIST.
Cor. 5th and Castle Sts., Wilmington, N.C.
feb 14 tf.

Statement

MOSCOW FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF RUSSIA.

CONDITION DECEMBER 31ST, 1903, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED.

Statutory deposit	$ 97,030 00
Amount Ledger Assets Dec. 31st previous year	787,934 89
Income—From policy-holders $43,-863 19; Miscellaneous $50 794 07; total	450,199 19
Disbursements—to policy-holders $289,901 32; Miscellaneous, $111,-345 87; total	391,207 59
Fire risks—written or renewed during year, $4,454 761 02; In force	54,239,185 00
ASSETS.	
Book value of bonds and stocks	767,653 91
Cash deposited in Mercantile Trust Company	55,602 91
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1903	23,389 58
Interest and rents due and accrued	4,843 32
Total	$861,489 72
Less assets not admitted	46 186 41
Total admitted assets	$815,183 31
LIABILITIES.	
Losses and claims unpaid	63,643 97
Unearned premiums	276 985 82
Total Liabilities as to policy-holders	$340,029 79

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General Agent for service, J. N. BOATWRIGHT Wilmington, N. C.
Business Manager for North Carolina, Managed from New York Office.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 15, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Moscow Fire Insurance Company, of Russia, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.
JAMES R. YOUNG,
feb 27 2t Insurance Commissioner.

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And all we want to say is any one who has attended our previous sales knows what it means.

Men's	$ 7.50 Suits.....Now $6.25	Men's	$5 00 Pants.....Now $3.75
Men's	10.00 Suits.....Now 8 25	Men's	4 00 Pants.....Now 3.00
Men's	11.00 Suits.....Now 8.75	Men's	3 50 Pants.....Now 2.75
Men's	12.50 Suits.....Now 10.75	Men's	3.00 Pants.....Now 2 25
Men's	13 50 Suits.....Now 10.75	Boy's	3 00 Suits.....Now 2 25
Men's	12.50 Suits.....Now 12.50	Boy's	4.00 Suits.....Now 3 00
Men's	16 50 Suits.....Now 13.50	Boy's	5.00 Suits.....Now 3 50

Overcoats at Clearing Out Prices.

A complete line of Boys' Suits and Knee Pants in all sizes, at greatly reduced prices. Fifty dozen Sample Top Shirts will be sold for 35c each. Remember this sale is for two weeks only; so be on hand for your bargains.

Remember the place—The Masonic Temple Building. feb 20 tf

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To the new line of Spring Dress Goods and Trimmings.

THE NEWEST, THE BEST, THE CHEAPEST.

New Embroideries and Laces of Exquisite Designs

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New Silks of all shades.

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Carpets, Rugs, Art Squares, Mattings and Oil Cloths. Dressing Cases, Travelling Bags, Trunks, all sizes. Handsome line of White Goods, Nainsooks, Dimities, Linen Lawn, Organdies, Mercerized Goods.

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If you want bargains be sure to call, and I would like to have the country merchants to call and see my line of

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I have made great preparation for the wholesale business this Spring. Have some great bargains in stylish Hats, Ribbons, Waists, Skirts and other goods. The merchant can easily over double his money on anything I would sell him.

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Well made Muslin underwear, prices reasonable.

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In Mohairs, Albatross, Flannels, Serge, Mistral Cloth and Voiles. Don't fail to see them.

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WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 27.

BITTER AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

Aside from the deep interest of the people of the United States in the war news from the East, the latest cablegrams from St. Petersburg are of special concern for the government and people of our Republic.

The cablegrams, already read by the readers of the STAR, state that there is marked irritation against the United States by both the government and the people of Russia. It is noted that the cablegrams say that this ill-feeling is on account of the "supposed unfriendly attitude" of this country against Russia.

There is nothing to be "supposed" about it. Russia has certainly not failed to observe the sympathy of the press and people of this Republic with the Japanese in this conflict. There is no concealment of the fact that with almost a singular unanimity our people are with the Japs, while the press, with very few exceptions, continuously denounce the Russians and give circulation to all kinds of stories, true or untrue, about the barbarity of the Czar's empire. This is not all. The American newspapers show their pro-Nippon sympathy in the glaring, gloating and exultant headlines when Japan scores a point against her enemy, but the plainest evidence of the anti-Russian feeling are the editorials lauding Japan and denouncing the aggressions and methods of the Muscovites. That much on the part of the people and press of our country cannot be blotted out, and the Russian government has long ago been notified of it by her representatives in this country.

We do not presume that the United States government will attempt to conceal or apologize for the open and persistent showing of the hand against Russia. While the Japanese-Russo negotiations were in progres, the Roosevelt administration butted in, defiantly negotiated and hastily procured the ratification of a treaty by China granting and guaranteeing the "open door" for trade by the United States at the ports of Mukden and Antung. These two cities are in the province of Manchuria, occupied and evidently claimed by Russia, and the purport of our treaty with China was to make open and free ports of Mukden and Antung right under the nose of Russia, without asking her any odds. The fact is, if our government had not directly notified the government of Japan that the United States sided with her in her negotiations with Russia, the action of Roosevelt and Hay in their diplomatic stroke in securing the Mukden-Antung treaty was sufficient to notify Japan that the United States was with her. That is really what it meant, and more, too, for the Roosevelt administration's treaty contemptuously ignored Russia's claim in Manchuria, while Japan paid Russia the deference of a long correspondence with the Czar's government about the matter. Roosevelt and Hay's rough rider diplomacy didn't pay Russia that much consideration.

Our government made haste, in the midst of the complications and in the face of a war which anybody with foresight could see was inevitable, to put in its oar, and as Japan was going to fight Russia for denying Japan what Roosevelt and Hay had made bold to fasten onto without even notifying Russia, the logical conclusion is that, like Japan, we would also fight if Russia did not recognize our treaty with China as to the Manchurian ports. How could our government well back down from such a position? And if Roosevelt and Hay did not foresee that it would place the United States in a position to either back down or go to war to sustain its treaty rights, then their diplomacy is that of long-haired and simple parvenues. If, on the contrary, they knew that the probability was that Russia would resent our claims and reject our rights to the open ports, then the administration's diplomacy can be branded as reckless. It was putting a "chip on the shoulder" or inviting war with Russia.

The question not only is whether we put our foot in it by negotiating the Mukden-Antung treaty in the face of a war involving the same question, but also whether the commander of the United States warship Vicksburg acted with folly, or most probably under instructions from Washington, when he refused to join the commanders of the warships of other powers when they protested against the threat of the Japanese admiral to go into the harbor at Chemulpo and attack the Russian warships if they did not leave port. Chemulpo was a neutral port and the Russian ships had a right to remain there until they were ordered out by the Coresn government after the neutral time limit had expired for belligerent ships to remain. Besides endangering the neutral warships and peaceful shipping in port and inperiling the lives and property of the people of Chemulpo, the Japanese had no right to invade a neutral port and make it the scene of a battle. Common sense ought have dictated to the commander of the Vicksburg that it would have been both propriety and right to join in the protest. However, he was probably instructed from Washington, and in either event Russia has a just grievance against us on this point. If it was the act of the Vicksburg's commander, we may make a suitable apology, but we don't see how we can apologize if he was acting under instruction. It would also take some tall explaining and "strenuous" apologizing to show that we were not defying Russia when we fixed things at Mukden and Antung. Possibly the Roosevelt-Hay diplomacy is a little too dashing and then it may not be, when the circumstances are all known and whether it was a show of justified backbone.

After all, it would look the better point of diplomacy, in a cause common with Japan, for the United States, Great Britain and possibly other powers to have joined the Japs in their negotiations with Russia, the successful outcome of which the American and British Governments, at least, stood for. Thus presenting a common cause in unity by three or more powers, Russia must have yielded and war been averted.

Russia is mad with us at any rate, and, judging from the cablegrams, she has hit us the first lick in a very tender and sore spot—the commercial short-ribs. The merchants of Russia are cancelling their orders for American manufactures, and isn't this cankering cause to make the "commercialism" of the nation sorry that we have been so gay with our popular sympathy and our administration butt?

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY IN BUSINESS.

The Western Union Telegraph Company announces that on and after next Tuesday, March 1st, messages will be received for transmission by wireless telegraphy to ocean steamers. Ten years ago if a notice like that had been sent out it would have been considered an "April fool" a month ahead of time. The announcement is not even startling now, but is simply a matter of current interest. What wonderful thing will this age see next?

IMPORTANT ARREST.

Policeman B. R. King of Wilmington made it.

An ache in the small of the back.

A shooting, coursing pain.

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A Wilmington policeman tells how he did it.

B. R. King, the well known policeman, residing at 706 Wooster street, says: "I had terrible pain in my back which worked around to my side and in my stomach, so bad at times that it laid me up. I used internal medicines and they did not help me. I put on plasters and rubbed with liniment, and none of them helped me at all. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills recommended I got a box of them at Bellamy's drug store. The next day after commencing to use them I noticed relief. Since using two boxes of them I have not had an ache or a pain in my back. It is with pleasure that I add my name to those endorsing the claims made for this remedy."

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Arrests discharges from the urinary organs in either sex in 48 hours.

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No matter what condition your stomach is in—no matter how sour, weak or gastric—no matter how chronic or acute, the very first dose will give you relief and its continued use, for a short time, will effect a permanent cure.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Russia is said to find our attitude "very embarrassing." If somebody were not holding on to Mr. Roosevelt's coattails, she would find it worse than embarrassing.—*Jacksonville Times-Union.*

—— The Atlanta *Journal* is of the opinion that "there is no danger of the over-production of cotton." No, but there is great danger of the under-production of hog, hominy and comfort.—*Jacksonville Times-Union.*

—— Perhaps if some of the old drivers would leave the Democratic donkey alone he would pick out the right road. The right road for the Democratic donkey leads into some vast wilderness, some boundless contiguity of shade, where he ought to remain until the campaign is over—*Washington Post.*

—— The chanel bass of Florida, caught in the salt lagoons, is known to have a voracious appetite, bnt we believe that history fails to record that this fish will devour the feathered tribe as well as fishes, but such was proven the case here last week. A large sixty-pounder, when cut open laid to view a fat duck in its maw. Outward appearances indicated that it had swallowed more than it could digest, and when one of Halle & Co.'s fishermen cut it open, the duck was a genuine surprise to them. *Titusville, Fla., Star.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Rev. Goodman: Really, Mr. Slyman, you should take something for that cold. Mr. Slyman (absent-mindedly): Thanks; I don't care if I do.—*Philadelphia Press*

— Teacher—Did you solve those problems I gave you yesterday, Tommy—Yes'm; all but the one about the cost of nineteen tons of coal at $6, but father says the price is going up in a day or two, and so I thought I'd wait.

— "Ef yer real interested," said Deacon Skinner, "I'll tell ye what I want fur thet horse." "Oh, I wouldn't be interested in knowin' thet," replied Farmer Shoude. "No?" "No; but I wouldn't mind knowin' what ye'd take."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "Ah!" sighed Enpeck, who is fond of quotations, "man was made to mourn." "And what was woman made for, pray?" asked his self-acknowledged better half. "To make him do it, I suppose," replied his wife's husband.—*Chicago News.*

— "That's a pretty noisy passenger you've got in there," remarked the man who was smoking on the front platform. "Is he crazy, or only drunk?" "Neither one," said the motorman. "He's just got a flat wheel in his head."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— An Irishman accused of abandoning his wife and seven children made a novel plea in court. "Send me home to Erin, Judge," he said. "Let me be tried in Ireland. The laws in this country are only fair to the rich, so send me to Ireland, Judge, where a poor man can get justice. Why, your honor, the law here won't let me draw my wife's money out of the bank!"

— The Rev. Sam Jones, of which there is but one original, is to lecture at Rocky Mount, March 9th.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 27.

STEAMERS.

Capac, (Br) 1,951 tons, Rose, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Martha Russ, (Gr) 1,261 tons, Paulsen, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

City of Nassau, 78 tons, Munroe, to master.

C O Lister, 267 tons, Moore, C D Maffitt.

Joseph G Ray, 1,062 tons, Crocker, to master.

Lydia M Deering, 1,063 tons, Dunton, C D Maffitt.

Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Warner, J T Riley & Co.

Abbie G Cole, 232 tons, Cole, J T Riley & Co.

C C Lane, 306 tons, Kelley, (in distress) C D Maffitt.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

ALL WHO USE ATOMIZERS in treating nasal catarrh will get the best result from Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price, including spraying tube, 75c. Sold by druggists or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren street, New York.

New Orleans, Sept. 1, 1900.

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CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

SUFFERED A THOUSAND DEATHS

Five Physicians had done their best to cure James Wilkes, of Dillon, S. C., who had one of the most terrible cases of RHEUMATISM on record. They all failed until one doctor prescribed—

Rheumacide

IT CURED HELPLESS CRIPPLE.

Mr. Wilkes writes in the course of a long letter, dated August 18, 1902:

"My legs were drawn back until my feet touched my hips. I was as helpless as a baby for nearly 12 months. The muscles of my arms and legs were hard and shriveled up. I suffered death many times over. Was treated by six different physicians in McColl, Dillon and Marion, but none of them could do me any good, until Dr. J. P. Ewing, of Dillon, told me to try your RHEUMACIDE. I began to take it, and before the first bottle was used up I began to get better. I used 5½ bottles and was completely cured."

Dr. J. P. Ewing confirms Mr. Wilkes' statement in every particular.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $4.00 for dip, $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 65c; rosin firm at $1.85@1.90; tar firm at $1 60; crude turpentine firm at $2.25, 3.75@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	9
Rosin	720
Tar	157
Crude turpentine	48

Receipts same day last year—18 casks spirits turpentine, 974 barrels rosin, 183 barrels tar, 30 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 13¼c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 9¾c for middling.

Receipts—9 bales; same day last year, 714.

Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, $1.00.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@22c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Money on call was easy; highest 2 per cent., lowest 1¼ per cent., ruling rate 1¾ per cent., last loan 2 per cent., closing bid 1¾ per cent., offered at 2 per cent; time loans steady; sixty days 3@3¼ per cent.; ninety days 3¼@3½ per ct.; six months 3¾@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange was strong after weakness, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486.45@486.55 for demand and at 483.45@483.55 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 484@484¼ and 487. Commercial bills 483¼@483¾. Bar silver 57¾. Mexican dollars 45¼. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 105; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 106; do, coupon, 106½; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 132½; doc. coupons, 132½; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, ex int, 106¾; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 107¼; U. S. 5's, registered, —; do. coupon, —; Southern Railway, 5's, 111½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 86½; Chesapeake & Ohio 39¼; Manhattan L 140¼; New York Central 113⅞; Reading 39¼; do. 1st pref'd, 75¾; do. 2nd pref'd 55¼; Southern Railway 18¼; do. pref'd 78¼; Amalgamated Copper 46¼; People's Gas 97¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 34½; U. S. Leather 7; U. S. Leather, preferred, 77; Western Union 87; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 35½; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 37½; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 100; sales — shares. Standard Oil 619.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Rosin quiet. Strained common to good $3 75@3 80. Spirits turpentine weak.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 26.—Spirits turpentine and rosin nominal; nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 26.—Spirits turpentine was quiet at 59c; receipts 58 casks; sales 75 casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,796 barrels; sales 1,136 barrels; exports 7,430 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 40; D, $2 40; E, $2 45; F, $2 50; G, $2 55; H, $2 60; I, $2 95; K, $3 25; M, $3 80; N, $3 35; W G, $3 50; W W $3 70.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of twenty to forty points under active covering and further support from spot interests attracted by sensationally strong Liverpool cables and the continued light movement. There was some hesitation as a result of fears that notices, it being the first March notice day in the local market, might prove a depressing factor, but it soon became evident that all tenders were being promptly stopped and while the advances led to considerable realizing, causing some irregularity, the market ruled generally firm. The local bull leader who had been reported a heavy seller recently was credited with having sent some of the notices out, it was reported, for cotton of a very undesirable grade in some instances rejected by the New England mills as unfitted for their purposes, but the cotton appeared to be wanted and soon after the opening the party in question was said to be buying March, May and July. The advancing tendency thus created was continued and accelerated shortly afier midday by the very bullish showing of the week-end statement. This showed the into sight for the week to be under recent expectations and a decrease as compared with last year of about 53,000 bales This makes an average decrease per week since the first of the month of over the amount the bulls claimed necessary to bring out a crop of below 10,000,000 bales and was believed to point to a very bullish visible supply statement to-morrow, although the ove land to mills and Canada and the estimated takings of Southern mills ran under last week's figures. The estimates for to morrow's receipts also ran very light, there were rumors that a large interest had been caught heavily short and with important spot interests aggressive buyers, the market with only unimportant reactions worked rapidly upward with March reaching 14.39, May 14.73 and July 14.71, just before the close. These were gains of seventy-seven to eighty-two points on the positions named. The close was steady at practically the best prices of the day or net twenty-eight to ninety-two points higher on the general list with February showing the greatest advance. Sales were estimated at 700,000 bales. The local bull leader was a particularly aggressive buyer in the late market, with room opinion indicating that his purchases were to cover recent sales. The New Orleans market ruled very firm and many bullish telegrams were received from there tending to increase the bullish excitement here which appeared to be attracting a renewal of public buying.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Cotton quiet at 14.75; net receipts 2,682 bales; gross receipts 2,551 bales; stock 76,534 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 65 points higher; middling uplands 14.75; middling gulf 15 00c; sales 125 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: February 14.35, March 14.38, April 14.55, May 14 69, June 14 68, July 14.68, August 14 15, September 13.50, October 11.88, November 11.65, December 11.53.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 12,544 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,958 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 6 530 bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 657,661 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 64.887 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,131 bales; exports to France 827 bales; exports to the Continent 19 432 bales; exports to Japan 280 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,376,093 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,914,640 bales; exports to France 634.611 bales; exports to the Continent 2,200,977 bales; exports to Japan 37,188 bales; exports to Mexico 22,368 bales.

Feb 26.—Galveston, firm at 13⅜c, net receipts 5,525 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 220 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 14.75c, net receipts 633 bales; Boston, quiet at 14 10, net receipts 246 bales; Wilmington, steady at 13.50c, net receipts 9 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 14.15c, net receipts 198 bales; Savannah, firm at 14c, net receipts 956 bales; New Orleans, firm at 14c, net receipts 2,651 bales; Mobile, quiet and steady at 13½, net receipts 164 bales; Memphis, firm at 13¼c, net receipts 1,579 bales; Augusta, steady at 14¼c, net receipts 147 bales; Charleston, firm at 14c, net receipts 566 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Flour was firm and very quiet. Rye flour firm. Wheat—Spot quiet; No. 2 red $1 09. Options witnessed a severe break at the opening on the lower cables, better weather West and a flood of selling: May closed $1 05⅜; July closed $1 01¼; September closed 94c. Corn—Spot quiet; No. 2 nominal. Options broke with wheat, rallied on large clearances, but declined with provisions and closed weak at ⅜@½c net decline: May closed 62¾c; July closed 61½c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 55¾. Pork steady. Butter—Market firm; extra fresh creamery 26c; State dairy 14@22c. Cheese quoted steady; State full cream fancy, small colored, September 12; late made 10¾; small white, September 12; late made 10¾c. Eggs were unsettled; State and Pennsylvania nearby average 25c. Peanuts were firm; fancy hand-picked 5¾c; other domestic 3¾@5½c. Potatoes steady; Long Island $3 00@3 62; Jerseys $3 00@3 37; Jersey sweets $1 50@4 00; State and Western sacks $3 75@3 79. Cabbage firm; domestic, per ton, $35 00@35 00; per 100 $5 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 13. Rice steady. Molasses firm. Lard steady; refined steady. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 2⅞@2 15 16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¾@3 7-16c; molasses sugar 2¾@3 11-15c; confectioner's A $4 85; mould A $4 85; cut loaf $5 20; crushed $5 20; powdered $4 60; granulated $4 50; cubes $4 75; refined firm. Cotton seed oil to-day showed more activity and ruled firm at prices: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 33¼@33½; prime summer yellow 39½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 41@41½c; prime winter yellow 41¾c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Crashing down twice to-day following a break in prices at Liverpool, wheat for May delivery went 3½c below last night's final figures. The market closed ½c above the low point. July wheat closed at a net loss of 1½c. May corn is down ½@¾c, oats ½c and provisions a shade to 27½c lower.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Cash prices: Flour was firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 98@$1 06; No. 3 spring 90@1 03; No. 2 red 1 03¾@$1 09. Corn—No. 2 53c; No. 2 yellow 54. Oats—No. 2 43¾@43¾; No. 2 white —c; No 3 white 44@46c. Rye—No. 2, 75@76c. Mess pork, per bbl., $16 25@16 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 82½@7 87½. Short rib sides, loose, $7 75@8 00. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, not reported. Short clear sides, boxed, $7 50@7 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 05@1 07, 1 07, 1 04⅞, 1 04⅞; July, old, 97@98¾, 99, 98¾, 97¾c; do., new, 96@97⅝, 98¼, 95⅞, 96¾c; September, old, 91⅜@93¼, 93¼, 91⅜, 91⅝c; do., new, 90⅜@91, 92¼, 90⅜, 90⅞. Corn—No. 2 February 58⅜; May 56¾@57, 57⅜, 56¾@56¾, 56¾c; July 55@55¾, 56⅜, 55, 55¾c. Oats—No. 2 February 43⅜; May 45¾@45⅝, 45⅝, 44¾, 45⅜c; July 41¾@42, 42¾, 41¾, 42¾c; September 36¾@36¾, 37, 36, 36¾@36¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $16 15, 16 67½, 16 10, 16 50; July $16 20, 16 75, 16 20, 16 42½. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $7 95, 8 20, 7 95, 8 05; July $8 15, 8 35, 8 15, 8 32½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $7 97½, 8 15, 7 97½, 8 09¾; July $8 07½, 8 23½, 8 07½, 8 10.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady; mild steady. The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 10@20 points on scattering demand and European buying. The market until near the close ruled steady to firm. Then a sudden bear raid broke prices and the close was barely steady at a decline of 5 points on January while other months were unchanged to 10 points higher. Sales 65,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 26.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices eight points higher; American middling fair 7.88d; good middling 7.72d; middling 7.62d; low middling 7.54d; good ordinary 7.46d; ordinary 7.26d. The sales of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,800 bales American. Receipts 3,000 bales, no American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady; American middling (g o c): February 7.30d; February and March 7.49d; March and April 7.49d; April and May 7.49d; May and June 7.50d; June and July 7.48d; July and August 7.46d; August and September 7.26d; September and October 6.54d; October and November 6.24d.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—80 barrels rosin, 28 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—1 barrel tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 50 barrels rosin, 11 barrels tar, 18 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—3 bales cotton, 100 barrels rosin.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—9 casks spirits turpentine, 300 barrels rosin, 50 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Tar Heel—20 barrels rosin, 72 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Schooner John H. Kuck—170 barrels rosin.

Total—9 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 720 barrels rosin, 157 barrels tar, 48 barrels crude turpentine.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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Water Closets - - 50 cts per quarter, each
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The Wilmington Sewerage Co.

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Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of New Hanover county, in the case of Joseph Turner and Emma Turner vs. Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner, the undersigned commissioner will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash, on Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 1904, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, the following property: Beginning in the northern line of Campbell street 41¼ feet west of the western line of Eighth street, runs thence west with the northern line of Campbell street 41¼ feet; thence north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet; thence east parallel with Campbell street 41¼ feet; thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot 5, Block 52.

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STATEMENT

GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

CONDITION DECEMBER 31ST, 1903, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED.

Capital paid in cash $1,500,000 00
Amount Ledger Assets Dec. 31st, previous year, 49,853,924 99; Increase of capital paid in, $500,000 00; Total, $50,353,924 99
Income—From Policy-holders, $4,932,477 67; Miscellaneous, $1,361,844 44; Total $6,294,321 91
Disbursements—To Policy-holders, $2,960,191 61; Miscellaneous, $1,184,617 30; Total $4,483,788 71
Fire Risks—Written or renewed during year, $757,413,693 00; In force $834,286,100 00

ASSETS.

Book value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	15,000 00	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	18,000 00	
Value of Stocks and Bonds (U. S., State, etc.)	10,797,194 00	
Cash in Home office and deposited in Banks	430,699 77	
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1903	765,142 78	
Agents' balances, representing business prior to October 1, 1903	7,642 40	
Interest and Rents, due and accrued	53 348 84	
Total	$ 2,081,018 78	
Less Assets, not admitted	7,642 40	
Total admitted Assets		$19,074,806 83

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$296,462 25	
Unearned Premiums	4,102,110 29	
All other Liabilities as detailed in statement	240,486 27	
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	$4,541,056 74	
Capital paid up in cash	1,500,000 00	
Surplus	5,833,749 59	
Total Liabilities		$12,074,806 33

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1903.

Fire Risks written, $4,539,900 00; Premiums received	68,357 75	
Losses incurred — Fire, $42,559 08; Paid	42 578 08	
Losses now Unpaid	5,790 10	

President—WILLIAM N. KREMER
Secretary—CHARTIS G. SMITH.
Home Office, Corner Liberty and Nassau Streets, New York city, N. Y.
General Agent for service, COL. WALKER TAYLOR, Wilmington, N. C.
Business Manager for North Carolina, JORDAN S. THOMAS, Charlotte N C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
RALEIGH, N. C., February 20, 1904.

I, JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the German-American Insurance Company of New York, N. Y., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1903

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written,

JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, January 22, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 996,214 30
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		94 04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc		32,500 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,500 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		98,458 45
Due from State Banks and Bankers		133 17 94
Due from approved reserve Agents		107,686 35
Notes of other National Banks		8,500 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		1,951 08
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$ 0 500 00	
Legal tender notes	$21,000 00	$106,961 08
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas't (5 per cent. of circulation)		5 400 00
Total		$1,803,768 00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund		125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	70,137 97	195,137 97
National Bank notes outstanding		125,000 00
Due to other National Banks	182,727 36	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	250,464 72	
Dividends unpaid	413 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	730,830 18	
Cashiers checks outstanding	20 699 96	
United States deposits	173,500 00	1 358 680 22
Total		$1,803,768 00

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1903.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
WM. CALDER,
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J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President

C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

of Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business Jan. 22, 1904. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,090,218 90	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350,000 00	Surplus and net profits	113,041 46
Bank Building	29,800 00	Circulation	270,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	663,768 89	Deposits	1,550,435 33
	$2,133,477 79		$2,133,477 79

Comparative statement of deposits,

Jan. 22nd, 1902, $657,506 75. Jan. 22nd, 1903, $1,304,819 99 Jan. 22nd, 1904, $1,550,436 33.

H. C. McQUEEN, President, J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Asheville *Citizen*: The "planter" of the "petrified man" has been indicted by the grand jury. The stockholders in the "Pristine Phenomenon company" may get some redress for being hoaxed, but how about the "dear public" which paid sundry dimes and quarters to see the fake?

— Messrs. Reed and Nichols, of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway, formerly the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad, appeared before the Corporation Commission at Raleigh on Thursday and submitted a freight tariff, the road having been changed from a narrow gauge to a standard gauge.

— Congressman G. B. Patterson, of this district, has been spending the week in Fayetteville, in attendance on court. Says the Fayetteville *Observer* of Feb. 25th: Mr. Patterson hopes to leave for Washington this evening, being detained by business in court. Any lengthened stay of his in our midst is our gain.

— On Thursday at Raleigh, the Corporation Commission issued its summary of the report of the condition of State and private and savings banks at the close of business Jan. 22d. The summary shows loans and discounts $17,451,666; capital stock, $4,707,959; surplus, $616,645; undivided profits, $773,458; deposits, subject to check, $16,861,042; the total resources are $28,434,844.

— Charlotte *Chronicle*: The application for the appointment of a receiver for the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad will prove of absorbing interest to the people of the State. We had supposed that this State operated road was doing well, but the private stockholders claim that they have been receiving no dividends. It is quite likely that the public will now get at the true status of the affairs of the road.

— Revenue officers captured a large quantity of contraband whiskey at the freight yards of the Southern Railway Thursday afternoon at Asheville. The liquor was shipped from Davie county and amounted to a car load of nearly 1,200 gallons. It was consigned to an Asheville saloon-keeper and was seized for alleged "irregularities." A car load of contraband whiskey was seized at Asheville about two weeks ago.

— Charlotte *Observer*: A Lincoln, Neb., dispatch says: "Yamashita Yaschiro, the young Japanese who has been studying the science of government, under the combined tutelage of William J. Bryan and the State University, graduates next week and will shortly thereafter return to Japan, where he will enter politics." It would be interesting to know just what principles Yamashita Yaschiro will paramount when he enters politics at home.

— Lock Davis, chief engineer of Louise Cotton Mills, at Charlotte, died on Thursday of the pistol wound inflicted by John Solomon, the night watchman at the mill, on the 10th of February. Mr. Davis was shot in the knee and in the thigh, the latter wound resulting in embolism. Solomon, who was out under $300 bond, was re-arrested when it was seen that Davis was dying. He was drinking when he shot Davis.

— Raleigh correspondence of the Charlotte *Observer*: Mention has been made of the fact that a site for the proposed reformatory for white children has been offered the King's Daughters of North Carolina at Lake View, in Moore county. On Thursday other offers of cities have been received, these being as follows: Fifty acres about 20 miles from Wilmington and five miles west of Burgaw is offered by Mr. A. H. McLendon; 50 acres near Roxboro, Person county, offered by T. L. Lowe; a third of 50 acres on the Wilmington & Weldon branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, one and one-half miles from Rocky Point, Pender county, offered by Mrs. Alice Spell.

— Rocky Mount *Record*: Marion Butler, ex-newspaper man, ex-populist leader, ex senator, present lobbyist for mining corporations, ad infinitum, has a yearning desire to return to his first love. He is busy trying to begin the publication of a Republican newspaper in Greensboro. He has long since become a full-fledged Republican and so recognized everywhere. Right in this connection might it not be well to impress just how much the stockholders in the late "Caucasian Publishing Co." got for their stock, and did they not fall about as heavy as that other but more noisy crowd who pinned their faith to the foxy gentleman from Sampson?

— Insurance Commissioner Young, Thursday at Raleigh, revoked the license of the United Insurance Company, of Raleigh, and has asked for a receiver to wind up its affairs. Leo D. Heartt is president and H. S. Smith secretary. It was owned by New York people, who recently sold it to Philadelphia people. It lost $4,000 in the Baltimore fire, and this fact, together with other losses, convinced Mr. Young it was best to end the company's existence. Mr. Young has investigated the fire which damaged the Oxford female Seminary and finds that it was of incendiary origin. The incendiaries were boys who went under the building and set it on fire.

— The new Waynesville Furniture Company recently started to work in their new quarters. The company is composed of local capital mostly, and its future success seems secured. The new stave and barrel-head factory of the town is also working a full force, and has more orders than they can fill. A great deal of timber land is changing hands in the neighboring mountains. Two fine tracts have been purchased recently—one ten miles from Waynesville, the other about fifteen. The latter, a tract of 900 acres, sold for $600 per acre, land and timber included. This lies upon the head waters of the Pigeon river. The company purchasing is said to be preparing to run a dummy line from Canton up to the timber.

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—Lumberton *Argus*: Mr. F. Lennon, who has been at his farm over in Columbus several weeks, is now at home. While down there he tried to recoverhis cows which run wild in the Big Swamp, but got only four. The effort that was made, when the stock law went into effect, to get the cattle up simply ran them wild. Mr. Lennon made a pen in the swamp and got eight or ten into it, but when an attempt was made to catch them, the herd simply went abreast against the fence and down it went.

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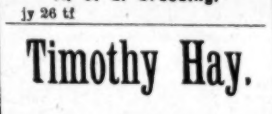

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	5 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 52	Kinston	10 13	.....
8 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. as Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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*† 7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.	5.00 P. M.
*6 10 P. M.	7 02 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10 30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Freight will be received at Ninth and Orange streets depot from 9.00 to 10.00 A. M. daily except Sunday. No freight will be carried on passenger cars. feb 24 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Jan. 10, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 43	No 41
Lv Wilmington	2 30 a m	6 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	19 41 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 98 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 56 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 56 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 50 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 45 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 9
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 0

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 43
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 2
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 0
Ar Baltimore	2 47 p m	2 32
Ar Washington	3 51 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	3 35
Ar Petersburg	8 00 p m	4 20
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 10
Ar Wilson	11 28 p m	2 00
Ar Goldsboro	6 45 a m	3 30
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Wilmington	8 00 a m	2 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	8 50 p m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 40 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	6 40 a m	1 40 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7 25 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8 00 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	8 14 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 3 00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 15 p m	Ar 4 05 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	8 35 p m	Ar 12 35 p m
Ar Newbern	8 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

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Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Jan. 10, 1904.

TRAIN 38	Leaves Wilmington 3:10 p. m, arrive Lumberton 8:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m. Maxton 6:45 p m., Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.	
TRAIN 15	Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2:58 a m, Maxton 4 06 a m, Hamlet 5:00 a m.	
TRAIN 40	Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.	
TRAIN 14	Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.	

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 35 a m	10 15 p m
Ar Monroe	9 10 a m	11 55 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 55 a m	.....
Ar Chester	12 30 p m	1 10 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 33 p m	3 31 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Atlanta	7 55 p m	7 30 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 15 a m	10 10 p m
Ar Columbia	10 20 a m	1 20 a m
Ar Savannah	2 50 p m	4 45 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Tampa	6 15 a m	6 35 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	5 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	11 30 a m
Ar Norfolk	7 50 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Portsmouth		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	10 55 a m
Ar Norfolk	9 35 a m	1 30 p m
Ar Richmond	8 10 a m	4 05 p m
Ar Washington	9 50 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 32 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 30 p m

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SOUTHBOUND.

Lv New York	12 55 p m
Lv Jersey City	1 15 p m
Lv Philadelphia	3 25 p m
Lv Baltimore	5 45 p m
Lv Washington	7 00 p m
Lv Richmond	10 25 p m
Ar Raleigh (Johnson St)	2 10 a m
Ar Southern Pines	3 54 a m
Lv Hamlet	4 50 a m
Ar Camden	6 35 a m
Ar Columbia (E. T.)	7 24 a m
Lv Columbia (C. T.)	7 29 a m
Ar Savannah	9 45 a m
Ar Thalmann	11 24 a m
Ar Jacksonville	1 30 p m
Lv Jacksonville	1 30 p m
Ar St. Augustine	3 30 p m

NORTHBOUND.

Lv St. Augustine	12 10 p m
Ar Jacksonville	1 10 p m
Lv Jacksonville	4 05 p m
Lv Thalmann	3 07 P M
Lv Savannah	5 00 p m
Ar Columbia (C. T.)	8 30 p m
Lv Columbia (E. T.)	9 25 p m
Lv Camden	10 14 p m
Ar Hamlet	11 55 p m
Ar Southern Pines	12 45 p m
Lv Raleigh	3 45 a m
Ar Richmond	6 45 a m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	11 52 a m
Ar Philadelphia	1 45 p m
Ar Jersey City	3 55 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m

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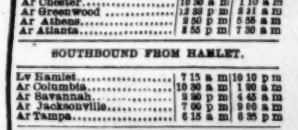

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SATURDAY MORNING. FEB. 27.

BRADSTREETS' REVIEW OF BUSINESS SITUATION.

Spring Trade Opening—Manufacturing Industry—Business Compares Well With a Year Ago.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 26.—"Bradstreet's Review of Trade" says:

Spring trade is asserting itself, despite abnormally cold weather, heavy snows or congested transportation facilities in widely separated sections. Where weather conditions have been favorable, as in the South, distributive trade has been good and generally in excess of a year ago. In the Southwest, milder weather has brought out more buyers.

The manufacturing industry shows some enlargement of activity, especially in glass making and iron and steel, production of pig iron being nearly double that of two months ago. Anthracite coal is active and strong, but production and shipments of the product of bituminous coal and coke and of raw materials generally, are hampered by the weather. The bituminous coal outlook is additionally unsatisfactory, because it is universally believed that a strike against reduction of wages will occur on April 1st in the western Pennsylvania and West Virginia fields.

New Orleans reports collections better than last year. Savannah reports a good and increased demand for lumber, Memphis that business exceeds a year ago, Montgomery that jobbing trade is heavy, but that farm work is retarded by incessant rains. Springlike weather helps fruits and vegetables at Jacksonville and business at most Ten essee cities compares well with a year ago. War talk is still an influence tending to strengthen food products, but to depress raw cotton. Railway earnings are not as encouraging as in the past, owing partly to the congestion growing out of blockaded shipments, but partly to cutting of grain freight rates.

ASSISTED RUSSIAN SHIPS.

Commander Marshall's Report of the Chemulpo Affair—Sent Medical Aid as Well as Boats.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Navy Department to-day received a cable gram from Commander Marshall of the Vicksburg, at Chemulpo, saying that he was among the first to offer assistance to the Russian sailors aboard the Variag and Korietz, The following bulletin was posted at the Navy department:

"A dispatch from Commander Marshall, commanding the U. S. S. Vicksburg, states that he sent medical aid as well as boats, to the assistance of the Variag."

Touching the Russian complaint, that Capt. Marshall did not join with the other foreign captains in protesting against the Japanese attack upon the Variag and the Korietz in a neutral harbor, it is declared at the Navy Department that the officer certainly would not be upheld by his department in meddling in such a matter. It is the first time that either the Navy, or State Departments ever has been seriously asked to oblige a foreign power to observe neutrality and it is pointedly stated that it was Russia's business to look to Corea for redress if that country had not maintained its neutrality to the powers.

COTTON IN NEW ORLEANS.

Rise in Prices—Bulls Boosted March at Every Opportunity.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.—The cotton market had a spectacular aspect to-day, although there was nothing artificial about the trade. It opened steady and from twenty-two to thirty-two points up on the near months. Some of the pessimism that has characterized the market lately was still seen, and bears sold freely. This brought forth heavy special buying from the bulls and prices were forced up point by point until they were half a cent higher than yesterday. At no time were prices anywhere near the closing prices of yesterday. At the close they showed a net gain for the day of sixty to sixty-three points in March, May and July. The bulls boosted March at every opportunity and proved conclusively that they were anxious to take out heavy loads of spot cotton. Although the advances of the day were wide, the close was quiet and steady and the rise in prices was regarded as wholly legitimate when the statistical position and the growing demand from spinners were taken into consideration.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending Friday, February 26 h, 1904.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending February 26th, 1904:

	1904.	1903.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week ...	64,877	143,807
Total receipts to this date	6,376,093	6,570,640
Exports for week..	43,180	163,319
Total exports to date	4,809,784	4,991,198
Stock in all U. S. ports.	657,661	850,284
Stock at all interior towns.....	343,645	318,869
Stock in Liverpool,	——	673,000
American afloat for Great Britain ...	——	173,000

Colonel James A. Pugh, of Norfolk, Va., a veteran newspaper man and the first president of the Virginia Press Association, is dead.

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CONFLAGRATION IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.

A Large Portion of the Retail Dry Goods District of the City Wiped Out.

LOSS WILL REACH $3,000,000.

Three Out of Five Large Department Stores Destroyed—Two Thousand Five Hundred People Thrown Out of Work Temporarily.

By Telegraph to the morning Star.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The sun set to-night with ten engines pouring streams of water on the ruins of what was practically the retail dry goods district of this city, for three out of the five department stores were consumed in to-day's disastrous fire, one of which, the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, was by far the largest establishment of this kind in in the city, and the oldest. Insurance men place the loss at $4,000,000. Of this amount $750,000 represents the loss on buildings, and the remainder the loss on stocks of goods and to occupants of offices. It is estimated that 2,500 people are thrown out of work, temporarily at least, because of the fire.

The burned district lies on the north side of Main street, between St. Paul and Clinton avenue, north, running from St. Paul street almost the entire length of the block. The fire started in the store of the Rochester Dry Goods Company and worked west, taking but one store east of this establishment, that of the Walkover Shoe Company, before its progress was checked in that direction. Next west was the store of Beadle, Sherburne & Company, which was destroyed; then the Marble block, occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, was also destroyed, and finally the thirteen story granite building, the tower part of which also was occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company and the upper part by offices. Only the front wall of the Marble building is standing to-night. The shell of the granite building is intact and the floors are in place, but the building was gutted.

Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company's six-story wholesale building, together with the stables in the rear, was destroyed with all its valuable contents, this loss being placed at $1,450,000.

There was a livery stable and some frame dwellings on Division street, a narrow thoroughfare running in the rear of the burned stores, and these were damaged by water and falling walls.

There were no casualties and no one was injured except Assistant Chief Frank A. Jaynes, who was struck by a flying nozzle and received some bruises.

The power on the trolley line running along Main street was cut off to avoid danger from electricity and no cars have run through the block where the fire occurred all day. All other traffic has also been stopped and it probably will not be resumed until Monday.

Following is a table of the losses: Granite building, $300,000; Marble building, $75,000; Buel estate, $20,000; Cornwell building, $60,000; Kirley building, $25,000; Walkover Shoe Company, $10,000; Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, $350 000. The loss on stock was as follows: Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, retail, $350,000, wholesale, $1,250,000; tenants in granite building, $200,000; Beadle & Sherburne Company, $350 000; Rochester Dry Goods Company, $150,000. The smaller losses foot up $80,000.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman in the employ of the Rochester Dry Goods Company. It was first seen at 4:50 o'clock, and the watchman says it started from a fuse which blew out in the electric elevator connection. Almost simultaneously an explosion occurred in the basement of Beadle & Sherburner, next door. Smoke and flames poured through the elevator grating in the sidewalk and in an incredibly short time the buildings were a mass of flames.

Fire at Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 26.—Fire of unknown origin broke out in the Angle-Iron shed of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company's big plant to-night and totally destroyed the building, the only frame structure in the shipyard.

The fire fighting facilities of the yard were sufficient to prevent the flames from spreading to o her buildings. The total loss is estimated at $15,000, covered by insurance.

At Decatur, Ala.

DECATUR, ALA., February 26.—Fire, which broke out in a large two-story frame building next to the Echols Opera House block, early to day, caused a loss of $70,000; partially covered by insurance. A defective flue caused the fire. Several stores and residences were destroyed.

Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Fire to-night in a factory building on Washington street, occupied by the Automatic Register Company, the Pincushion Shoe Manufacturing Company, the New York Knitting Mills and the offices of many produce dealers, caused damage of $125,000.

DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Officers of the Southern Branch Elected Officers and Adjourned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Southern branch of the National Dental Association ended its session here to-day. These officers were elected: President, Dr. Charles J. Alexander, Charlotte, North Carolina; first vice president, Dr. W. G. Mason, Tampa, Florida; second vice president, Dr. L. P. Dotterer, Charleston, S. C.; third vice president, Dr. N. N. Vann, Attalla, Ala.; corresponding secretary, Dr. J. A. Gorman, Asheville, N. C.; recording secretary, Dr. J. Proctand, Montgomery, Ala.; treasurer, B. D. Branson, Knoxville, Tenn.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1903:

Galveston, 2,162,111; New Orleans, 1,716 203; Mobile, 186,976; Savannah, 1,049,725; Charleston, 145,284; Wilmington, 315,700; Norfolk, 413,860; Baltimore, 21 131; New York, 33,907; Boston, 15,379; Newport News, 10,549; Philadelphia, 9,411; Brunswick, 86,066; Pensacola, 110,314; Port Arthur and Sabine Pass, 55,316; Port Townsend, 26,636; San Francisco, 10,652; El Paso, 400; Eagle Pass, 4,143; Laredo, 4,440. Total, 6,376,093.

A report in London, which emanates from St. Petersburg, says the Japanese minister at Seoul, Corea, has requested the Corean government to hand the French minister his passports.

JURY IN POSTAL TRIALS FOUND ALL FOUR GUILTY.

A. W. Machen, the Groff Brothers and Geo. E. Lorenz convicted of Conspiracy to Defraud Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—"Guilty as indicted," was the verdict announced by Carl Peterson, the foreman of the jury in the now famous postoffice conspiracy trial, shortly after 8 o'clock to-night, stating at the same time that this was the verdict as to all four defendants, August W. Machen, late general superintendent of the rural free delivery; George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, Ohio, and Samuel A. and Diller B. Groff, of this city. The jury had been out nine hours, although the verdict had been reached in eight hours and twenty-five minutes.

In the dimly lighted room sat the four defendants, who after the case had been given to the jury had been placed in the custody of the United States marshal and confined to the limits of the city jail.

With impressive dignity the jury as a man rose and as the words "guilty as indicted" fell from his lips, the defendants and their counsel seemed appalled. The defendants had given expression to the belief that each hour the jury spent in discussing the case brought them nearer of an acquittal. There was very general astonishment that the jury had included in the conviction Samuel A. Groff, the Washington policeman and inventor of the Groff fastener, and to whom Holmes Conrad, special counsel for the government, yesterday informed the jury he did not expect a conviction and that he personally did not believe in his guilt.

Five ballots in all were taken. On the first ballot the vote stood seven to five for conviction, on the second eight to four, on the third nine to three, on the fourth ten to two and on the fifth the vote was unanimous.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered, Charles A. Douglass, in behalf of all four defendants, filed motions for a new trial, for an arrest of judgment, and also for an appeal for the purpose of having the defendants admitted to bail.

Bail was then fixed at $20,000 each, the bond of Lorenz and the two Groffs being increased from $10,000 to that sum. Bonds were furnished and the defendants released from custody.

Intense interest was taken in the events of to-day about the court house. The court room was packed when Judge Pritchard immediately after convening court charged the jury and about eleven o'clock sent its members out to deliberate on the evidence. They had been out only about forty-five minutes when they came into court with a request for certain exhibits and evidence in the case. The exhibits they were allowed, with the consent of counsel, to take to the jury room, but Justice Pritchard said that to permit them to go over the transcript of the evidence would amount to a re-trial of the case in the jury room and their request as to this was denied. They did not again communicate to the court until their verdict was reached.

Foreman Peterson, after the jury had been discharged, consented to make a brief statement. He said that many points were taken up and discussed. The now famous $25,000 note of Lorenz to Machen, he said had been "discounted" by the jury. The fact that they were out so long, he said, was because on the part of some of the members there was some matters of sentiment, "but," he added, "we overcame that by hard work."

The four defendants will appear before Justice Pritchard to-morrow morning to receive their sentence, which action is necessary upon which to base a motion for a new trial and an appeal.

Machen after the verdict had nothing to say and seemed utterly crushed. He had been extremely confident of acquittal, Attorney Chas. A. Douglass complimented Justice Pritchard upon his impartiality. He said the cases would be appealed and carried up to the United States Supreme Court if necessary.

THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

Ratifications Exchanged in Washington Proclamation Putting the Treaty into Effect Signed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Secretary Hay and Minister Bunau Varilla at 10:30 o'clock this forenoon exchanged ratifications of the Panama canal treaty at the State Department. At 11:50 o'clock the President signed the proclamation putting the treaty into effect. As soon as the proclamation was signed it was returned to the State Department. The cabinet was in session when the proclamation reached the White House from the State Department. Secretary Loeb took the document to the President and he signed it immediately. The proclamation is a purely formal document.

There was no attempted ceremony at the State Department. There were present in the diplomatic room only Secretary Hay, M. Bunau-Varilla, Sidney Smith, chief of the diplomatic bureau and Eddie Savoy, the veteran messenger of the secretary. The protocols of exchange signed yesterday by the President were countersigned to-day by Secretary Hay.

Several legal questions remain to be settled, among them the effect upon canal payments of the pending litigation in France begun by the Colombian government to prevent the sale of the canal property to the United States. But the State Department has a conviction, based on unofficial assurances, that the French court will reject the Colombian suit.

Another legal question is whether under the terms of the Spooner act the $10,000,000 which was to be paid to Colombia can be paid to Panama, and it is for the attorney general to decide whether additional enabling legislation will be required. It will be some time before these questions can be settled and meanwhile no money is likely to pass.

The President may not send to the Senate his appointments on the Isthmian canal commission before the first of next week. He has been informed by telegraph that Benjamin M. Harrod, of New Orleans, has mailed to him a statement regarding the charges preferred against Mr. Harrod. Until he has received this statement and given it consideration, the probability is that the official announcement of the personnel of the commission will be withheld. Even in the absence of the statement, however, President Roosevelt is fairly assured that the charges made against Mr. Harrod are not of sufficient weight to warrant him in withdrawing the tender made to him of a position on the commission. It is believed confidently that Mr. Harrod will be the seventh member of the body.

M. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, to-day cabled his resignation as such to the president of that republic.

What you pay for extracts is important, but what you get for your money is ten times more important. Burnett's Vanilla costs more because it is worth more.

ANOTHER ATTACK UPON PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Report an Engagement Lasting Forty Minutes With No Damage Resulting.

COREAN ARMY TO AID JAPAN.

Japanese Account of Attempt to Block the Harbor at Port Arthur on the 24th Inst—No Lives and No Warships Were Lost.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—A dispatch received here from Port Arthur, dated Feb. 26th, says:

"At 1 o'clock this morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted from here with their sails set for the purpose of disguising their character. The battleship Retvizan and the shore batteries opened fire on them and continued firing until daybreak without any visible result.

After daybreak a Japanese squadron, apparently convoying transports, was sighted. At a quarter past 11 this squadron came nearer and an engagement which lasted forty minutes ensued. There was no damage. A few shells fell in Port Arthur.

"It is expected here that the Japanese will attempt a landing soon.

"An inspection of the Japanese fireships sent into this harbor February 24th shows they were loaded with coal and kerosene and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of this cargo."

The Attempt to Block the Harbor.

TOKIO, Feb. 26.—Vice Admiral Togo's attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking a fleet of stone laden merchant steamers in the mouth of the harbor evidently failed, though the venture caused no loss of life and the vessels lost were not of great value.

Five ships were prepared by Vice Admiral Togo for the attempted blockade. Four are reported to have been sunk, but the fate of the fifth is unknown here. It is presumed that it withdrew with the other Japanese vessels. The 5 vessels were filled with stones so as to make the obstruction permanent and were manned by volunteer merchant crews. It was impossible to select naval officers and sailors on account of their great rivalry to participate in the daring venture.

Accompanied by four battleships, nine cruisers and numerous vessels of the torpedo flotilla, the stone-laden steamers reached Port Arthur on Wednesday. While the fleet engaged with the shore batteries, the steamers made a dash for the mouth of the harbor, directly under the Russian guns.

Details of the attack have not been received, but it is evident that the Russian fire sunk the steamers before they reached the points planned for their foundering by the Japanese.

It is said that all of the crews of the four vessels escaped, in boats and were picked up by the Japanese torpedo boat destroyer.

The report that two of the torpedo boat destroyers were sunk by the Russians is denied.

The naval department has received a brief dispatch from the commander of one of the torpedo boat destroyers, saying that no lives and no warships were lost and that no damage was inflicted by the Russians. Pending the receipt of the official report of Vice Admiral Togo, the naval department declines to make any announcement regarding the affair.

The five merchant vessels which were prepared for sinking were the Jinsen Maru, 2,331 tons; the Tien Tsin Maru, 2,943 tons; the Hokoku Maru, 2,776 tons; the Bayo Maru, 1,609 tons, and the Bunsnik Maru 1,399 tons. Each carried five men, two steering and three firing and running the engines.

Japanese-Corean Alliance.

SEOUL, Feb. 26.—The Corean government has decided to order the Corean troops to join the Japanese in the field.

The port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be passed later. This action necessitates a harbor, so Yongampho has been decided upon.

The Statesman's Year Book for the year 1903 gives the following details of the Corean army: The standing army now consists of about 17,000 men with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who retired however in 1898. A royal body guard of 1,000 men was formed and has been well drilled, and periodically a draft of well trained men is transferred from it to the other regiments of the standing army.

Viceroy Alexieff's Report.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27, 2 A. M.—A copy of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Emperor has just been given out. It is dated February 25th. The place whence it is sent is not stated, but is supposed to be Mukden. The message is as follows:

"A squadron of the enemy's vessels, numbering sixteen, approached the fortress at about 11 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold, Bayan and Vovik, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing continued for half an hour. Then our cruisers went into the harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of our batteries and then began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fort, but out of range of fire.

"At this time four of the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon Bay, where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed also a strong cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon Bay. The firing there lasted for thirty minutes, but no landing was made. The Japanese cruisers then departed. Suitable measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea.

"Our losses this date were one man wounded at the battery."

Torpedo Boat Destroyed.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The Japanese legation has received a cablegram from Tokio under 10-day's date, giving an account of the ineffectual attempt made by the Japanese to blockade the mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur yesterday morning. As a result of the attack yesterday, the cablegram says, one of the Russian torpedo boats was destroyed.

A Succession of Attacks.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Official Russian and other dispatches show that there has been a succession of attacks or demonstrations by the Japanese at Port Arthur, probably undertaken with the intention of covering or preparing for a Japanese landing elsewhere and possibly with the hope of inflicting further damage on the Russian warships and increasing the demoralization of the Russian forces. It would seem apparent that little damage was inflicted on either side, although the dispatches leave the exact situation at Port Arthur in much obscurity.

The reported landing of Japanese at Possiet Bay, near Vladivostok has not yet been confirmed. This movement, however, is considered not improbable.

The Shanghai correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" has sent in interesting news of

Japan's Military Operations.

He asserts that Port Dalny is being evacuated by the Russians, who boast that they have mined the breakwater, wharves and railroad sidings there in order to prevent the Japanese from making use of the facilities. This correspondent repeats that Russians have only supplies for five months at Port Arthur, and says a large number of Japanese transports have returned to Nagasaki, where they are busily engaged in embarking more troops to be taken to a point in the vicinity of Port Dalny. Over forty transports have left Nagasaki since February 10th, and a still larger embarkation has been proceeding from Ujina, near Hiroshima, on the inland sea. Ujina and not Kioto, the correspondent concludes, will be the army and navy headquarters during the war.

This correspondent has recently been in Nagasaki and is probably well informed. In any event, it is taken for granted in London that Admiral Togo's recent operations have been devoted to facilitate Japanese debarkation on the Liao Tung gulf or elsewhere.

Scouts Nearing Each Other.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—"Russian and Japanese scouts sighted each other Thursday morning at Sukchen, 26 miles north of Ping Yang, Corea, but did not come in contact," cables the Tokio correspondent of the "Times."

"The Russians are not moving southward of the Tumen river, where the roads are extremely bad.

"The changes in the Corean cabinet have brought into power the partisans of the United States and Japan.

"Russian soldiers have seized the premises of an American mining company at Unsan (about 150 miles north of Ping Yang.")

Text of Treaty.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—The Japanese legation has received from Tokio the text of the treaty negotiated between Japan and Corea, by the terms of which the former government "guarantees the independence and the territorial integrity of the Corean Empire." The treaty was negotiated February 23rd at Seoul. It provides that Corea shall accept the advices of Japan in regard to improvements in administration; that Japan shall secure the safety of the imperial house of Corea and guarantee the independence and territorial integrity of Corea; that in case of aggression upon Corea by a third power, Japan shall take such measures as circumstances may require, and that Japan may occupy for this purpose such places as may be necessary from a strategic point of view.

IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Bill Concerning Shipping Considered in the Senate—Naval Appropriation Bill Passed by the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Senate to-day considered at some length the bill requiring the use of American ships in carrying government supplies, but adjourned for want of a quorum without reaching action upon it. The bill was criticised by Democratic senators as being in the nature of a subsidy, but Mr Hale, who was in charge of the measure, defended it against this attack and championed it in the interest of American shipping. Senators Daniel, Bacon, Carmack and others took part in the discussion.

Mr. Daniel suggested a provision to the effect that charges by American vessels shall not exceed by more than 10 per cent. the minimum bids of foreign vessels for carrying the same freight. No action was taken on the suggestion.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

The House passed the Naval Appropriation bill to-day, after having it under consideration for a week. There was a party contest on a number of propositions during the day, especially on an effort of different minority members to secure an amendment to fix the price of armor plate at the figure bid by the Midvale Steel Company. Several amendments were ruled out on points of order, and the Republican leaders by skilful parliamentary tactics left the matter of armor plate in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy. An ineffectual attempt was made to have the eight hour law applied to all ship construction. The contest over submarine boats was quite exciting and an amendment finally was adopted which leaves the question to the type of boat open, but increases the amount of the appropriation for such boats.

The House after passing the bill adjourned until to-morrow.

THE WORLD'S COTTON

Total Visible Supply as Shown by Secretary Hester's Statement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26 —Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued to-day, shows the total visible to be 3,653,597 bales, against 3,776,920 last week, 3,862,530 last year.

Of this the total of American cotton is 2,578,597 bales, against 2,749,920 last week and 2,805,530 last year; and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,075 000 against 1,028,000 last week and 1,059,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton, there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 1,973,000 bales, against 1,951,000 last year; in Egypt 253,000 against 177,000 last year; in India 400,000 against 392,000 last year, and in the United States 1,022,000 against 1,243,000 last year.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Man, Wife and Children Struck by a Train at Marietta, Ga.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MARIETTA, GA., Feb. 26.—J. W Turner and his five-old son were killed, Mrs. Turner and a three-year old son were badly bruised, and Mrs. Turner's foot was crushed, by a train on the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern railroad here to night, and a year-old baby received slight bruises. Mr. Turner and his family having just come from their home at Holly Springs, Ga., to visit relatives, were walking along the railroad track taking a short cut to their destination. Seeing a freight train approaching they stepped one side to avoid it and were struck by the train on which they had just come in, which was backing out of the yard. Mrs. Turner and her son are seriously injured and may die.

The cruiser Cincinnati left Shanghai for Chemulpo yesterday, as the relief of the Zafiro, which is on her way to Philippine waters.

A COUPLE FATALLY BURNED.

Sad Accident to Mr. T. B. Bell and His Wife at Their Home Near Suffolk, Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 26.—A special to the "Virginian-Pilot from Suffolk, Va., says:

One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in this section in years happened last night near Ferguson's Wharf, Va., shortly before 10 o'clock. T. B. Bell and wife went up stairs to retire for the night. Mr. Bell had gone to bed and in a few minutes his wife started to follow, but in getting in bed she upset a lamp which was near by and her clothes soon caught fire, as they were saturated with oil, which made them burn freely.

Mr. Bell jumped out of bed and went to the assistance of his wife, who was then entirely enveloped in flames. He fought the fire with all his power and the commotion caused their son, who was in an adjoining room, to hasten to their assistance.

The fire was soon under control, but not until Mr. and Mrs. Bell had both been burned so badly that they died. Mrs. Bell was taken to the house of a neighbor, where all was done for her that was possible, but she died from the burns at 1 o'clock this morning. The doctors and friends then worked hard to save the life of Mr. Bell, but death also relieved him of his sufferings this morning at 8 o'clock.

SCAFFOLD COLLAPSED

One Man Killed, Another Badly Injured and Others Had Narrow Escape.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—One man was killed, another was probably fatally injured and over a score of workmen had narrow escapes from being crushed beneath a monster scaffold which collapsed this afternoon in the center of the new postoffice building. The scaffold was built from the main floor of the building directly beneath its dome to the tenth floor, a distance of 161 feet. Thirty-five men were working about the dome at the time of the accident, and for a time it was thought nearly half this number had been killed by the falling timber, but all escaped with the exception of two plasterers, James Byron and Barney McBride who were standing on the portion of the scaffolding which collapsed. Byron, who was working in the center of the scaffold when it gave way, fell to the main floor of the building and was instantly killed. McBride who was working with Byron also fell with the scaffolding, but he managed to catch hold of one of the floors as he was falling and thus saved his life. His head was severely cut and bruised and his spine injured.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Tragedy in a Law Office in the City of Buffalo, N. Y.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb 26.—Henry L. Schwartz, of the law firm of Baker & Schwartz, was shot in his office on the second floor of the Marine Bank building to-day by H. A. Knowles, a well known business man of Buffalo, N. Y., who ten minutes later shot himself dead in the presence of two detectives. Schwartz died soon afterwards in the hospital. The shooting is said to have been the culmination of business troubles. Mr. Schwartz was the attorney for the firm of Knowles & Gardner, which failed some time ago. When the detectives arrived they opened the door to the office and faced Knowles with the revolver in his hand. Knowles pointed the weapon at the detectives and backed away into an inner room. As he reached the door and stepped inside, quick as a flash he turned the weapon to his own head and fired. He dropped and died almost immediately. Schwartz was well known and prominently connected.

A New York dispatch says that all grades of refined sugars were advanced five cents a hundred pounds yesterday.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Help Wanted—Wanted boys and girls to learn stenography. (By mail.) Will set you up in business free. Beck-Suite-I, 110 West 34th street, New York. feb 27 1t*

For Sale—Partridge Wyandotte eggs from prize winning stock $2.00 per sitting, guarantee eggs to be fertile Packed and shipped to any address. W. F. Monroe. feb 27 2t.

Attention Veterans—All members of Cape Fear Camp No. 354, U. C. V., are ordered to meet at the W. L. I armory at 10.30 o'clock Saturday morning to attend the funeral of Comrade William Blanks. By order of W. J. Woodward, Commander. A. L. Delicosset, Adjutant. feb 27 1t

$1 00 will buy a gas radiator and six feet of tubing. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. feb 27 1t

Wanted—Agents in every town to sell Lace Curtains by sample or catalogue; big profits. Cincinnati Lace Co., 114 W. sixth St., Cincinnati, Ohio. feb 27 1t*

Twenty-five bunches Bananas on hand. Must be sold, 10, 20 and 25 cents dozen, at Farries', 109 south Front street. feb 24 tf

Thirty loaves Washington Bread for $1 00 or three for 10 cents, at Farries', 109 South Front street. feb 24 tf

Wanted—Men or women local representatives for a high class magazine. Large commission, Cash prizes Write J. N. Trainer, 80 East Washington square, New York, N. Y. feb 20 6t

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Comfortable accommodations and good board at Virginia House, 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. $3.50 per week. feb 5 1m

The Only Restaurant is prepared to accommodate any number for breakfast, dinner and supper at the reasonable price of 25 cents each meal. Also special attention given to short orders at any time, day or night. ja 26 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 1f

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Sellers, Wilmington, N C. dec 6 3 mos.

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

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Men's Overcoats.

Note the special prices at which we are offering them:

Lot No. 1, full size, long length, at $2.69.

Lot No. 2, a heavier coat and better lined, at $3.00.

Lot No. 3, a very good coat, at $4.50.

Lot No. 4, about twenty different styles in samples, closed out lot of special value, each at $5.00.

Also a better lot at $5.50, $8.00 and $10.00, each of which we will sell at reduced prices.

In men's clothing we mean to sell our winter goods. If a man is interested in a fine suit of clothes at a small price, good style and fit guaranteed, we will save him money and give him up-to-date merchandise.

The red hot prices we are putting on our winter clothing to sell them out before the season is over is wonderful. In some cases much less than first cost. I figure that it is better to sell them than to pack them up. Can I do you any good? If so, give our clothing a look.

We are showing a nice line of spring pants that we are offering at certainly very reasonable prices, considering the new styles that they represent. We have a lot of odds and ends in men's pants, regular value $1.25 and $1.50. To close out this lot, we are offering them for $1.00 a pair. We have a line of solid colors in men's pants, black and blue, made of Melton cloth, all wool, at $1.50 a pair.

Men's Hats.

In this department we have a great assortment. We have a big line of samples of men's hats which we are selling at first cost. You can buy from this line a $1.50 hat for $1, a $1 25 hat for 75c., a 50c. hat for 38c., a 25c. hat for 19c. As to variety of styles, you can get anything you want.

Job in men's unlaundried shirts, slightly soiled by handling, worth 50c., for 38c.

Job No. 2 in men's underwear—Undershirts and pants at 20c. each; 50c. heavy fleeced shirts and pants at 38c. each; red flannel shirts and pants at 38c. Men's and women's sample underwear at one-fourth off. Men's linen collars at 4c. each; a waterproof collar at 5c each. Good seamless socks for men, black and colored, 5c. a pair.

One hundred pair of fine imported Geyo suspenders, worth 50c. a pair, now on sale at 28c. a pair.

Men's and Boys' Gloves.

Fine silk-lined kid gloves for men, best value at $1.00; am overstocked and will sell at 65c. a pair. Nice kid gloves in boy's sizes at 50c. a pair. Engineers' and firemen's gloves, worth $1 a pair, we are selling at 75c. a pair. A splendid line of boys' gloves and mits at 25c. a pair. Men's heavy gloves at 25c. a pair.

Men's laundried Madras shirts, with two collars and one pair of cuffs, cheap at 50c., now 38c. each.

Ladies' Wrappers.

We have just put on sale a nice line of new up-to-date styles in wrappers which are well made and good value, prices 75c, $1.00, $1.19, $1.25 and $1.39, in assorted colors, including black and white. In our ladies' cloaks, take your choice at one-fourth off of the first price, which represents less than first cost to us. A $5.00 cloak would be $3 75 to you. A new style military cloak, the latest fad, worth $10.00, means $7.50 to you. Sweaters reduced 25 per cent. Plenty of new and pretty skirts from $1.00 up.

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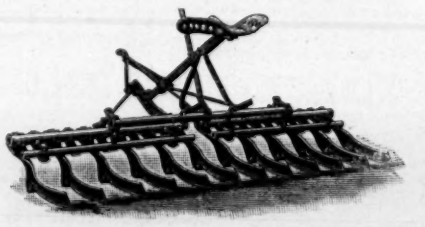

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A STRANGE COUPLE.

Man and Woman Put Out to Sea from Edenton, N. C., in a Craft of Their Own Make—Were Rescued.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., February 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Ford were in Edenton, N. C., some time last week, ostensibly engaged in missionary work. The announced their intention of building an ark, and with sundry wheelbarrow loads of timber of various kinds they finally succeeded in constructing a strange looking craft 12 feet long by 3½ feet wide. It was straight on the sides and had no timbers. With a few provisions the couple had gathered together they set out to sea Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock in a strong east wind and when last seen they were making for John's Island, where it is supposed they camped for the night. A telegram from Edenton late to-night states that Major J. C. Bond, fearing something would happen to